

# National Repository of Grey Literature in the Czech Republic



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## What is “grey literature”? – Definition

Grey Literature - Information produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing i.e. where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body.

Luxembourg, 1997 - Expanded in New York, 2004. Available from [www: http://www.greynet.org/index.html](http://www.greynet.org/index.html)

## National Technical Library (NTK) and Grey Literature in the Czech Republic

The National Technical Library (NTK) in Prague in the Czech Republic is the central professional library dedicated to science and technology. The NTK aims to collect grey literature and to complement the role of the National Library of the Czech Republic, whose main task is to collect and preserve “white” literature. The NTK was the only active contributor and national coordinator of the SIGLE activities in the Czech Republic, but the SIGLE finished its activities in 2005. After the termination of the SIGLE, the NTK began with an initiative of collecting grey literature at the national level.



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National Technical Library (NTK)  
<http://www.techlib.cz/en/>

Architects of new building are Roman Brychta,  
Adam Halíř, Václav Králíček and Petr Lešek.

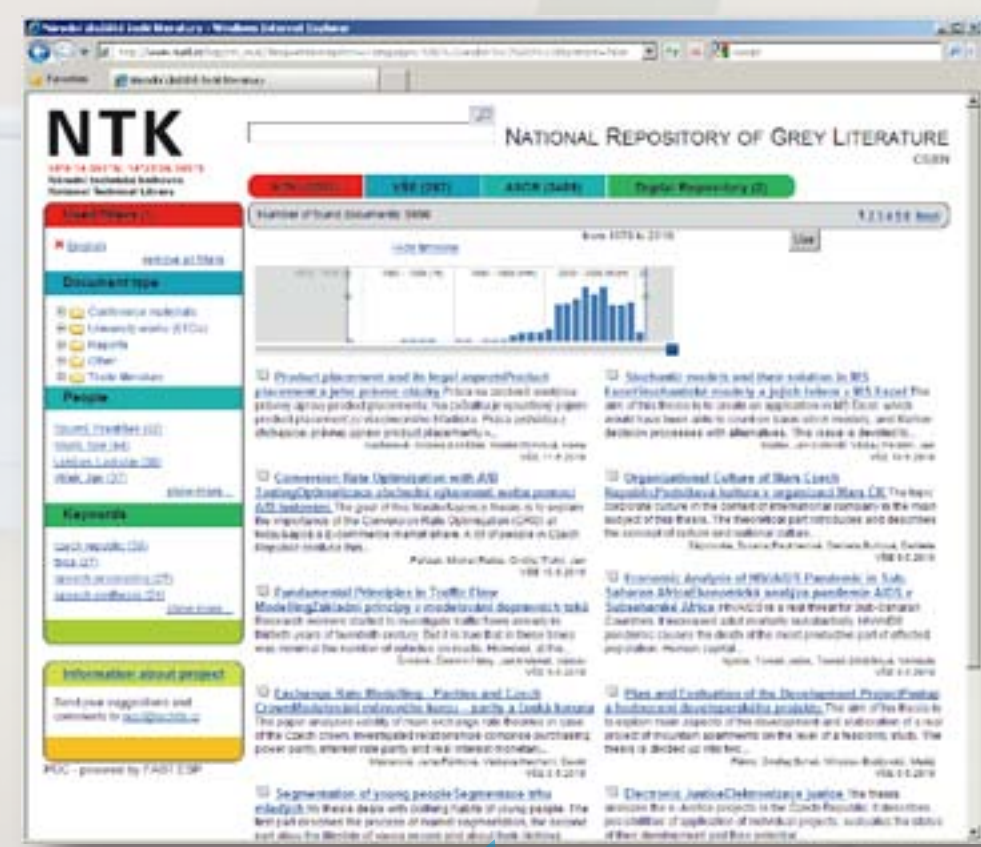
Author of the central artwork in the atrium of  
NTK is Dan Perjovschi.



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## National Repository of Grey Literature (NRGL)

The project name is ‘The digital library of Grey Literature – Functional model and Pilot Implementation’. The aim of project is building the National Repository of Grey Literature (NRGL). This digital repository collects, permanently archiving and it makes access to the documents of grey literature at national level to support science, research and education. The implementation of this project began in 2008 with the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic in the framework of research and development projects. Participants are NTK and the University of Economics Prague.



## Partnership network of cooperating institutions in the Czech Republic

To this project is to create a network of cooperating partners, which produce the grey literature in the Czech Republic. We are building a partnership network for support to collect the documents of grey literature. Main sources are from the field of science and research, there are key partners the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (e.g. Institute of Geophysics, Nuclear Physics Institute, Institute of Slavonic Studies) and Grant Agencies. The Czech universities are the key partners in education area and the area of government is represented by institutions of state administration. For support partnership network we created methodology, rules, web pages (<http://nrgl.techlib.cz>) and organize trainings.

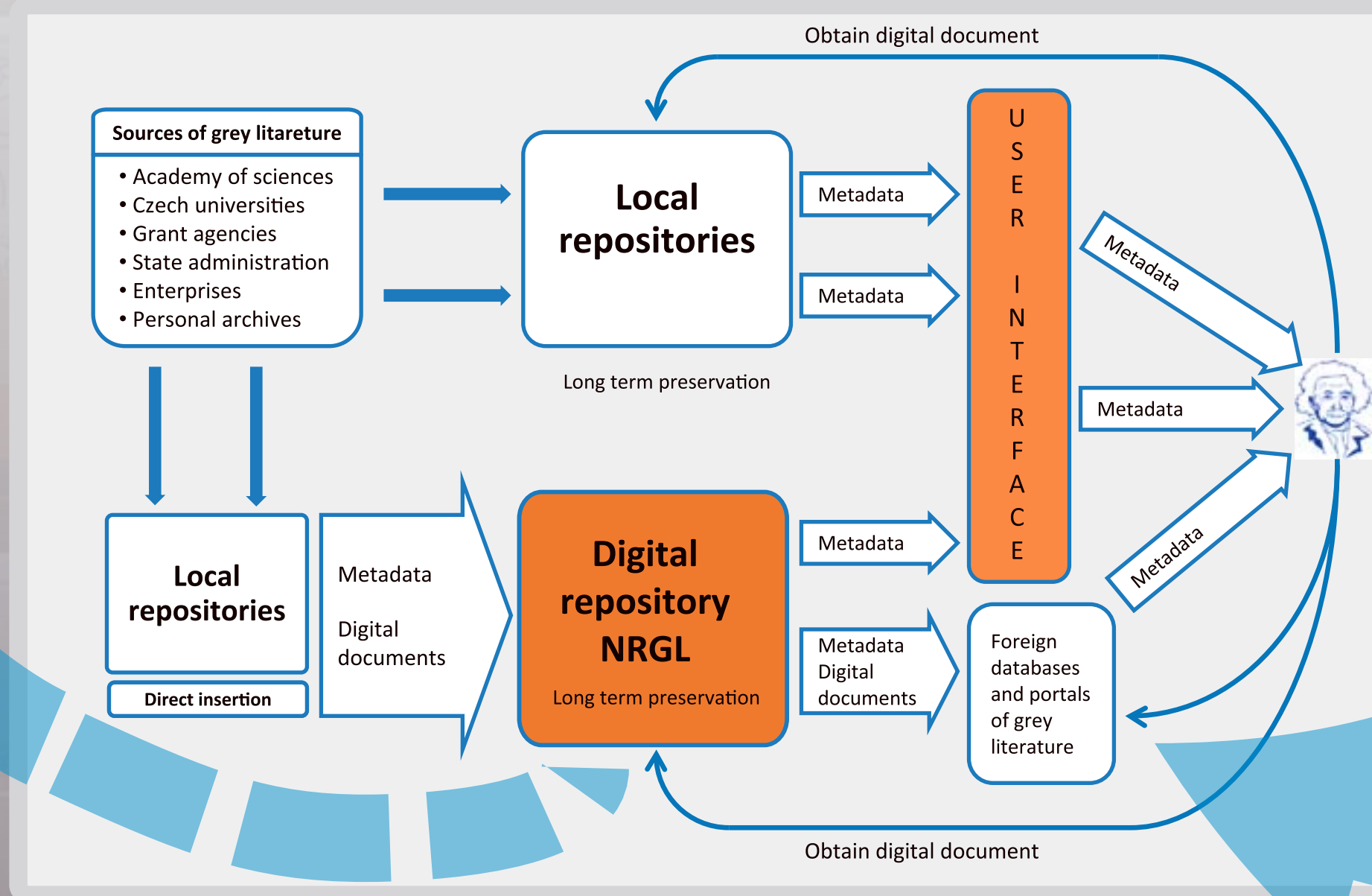


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## Benefits

For scientists providing a central archive of their work, improving searchability and findability of their work and dissemination of their research. For the institution is benefit increase the visibility and prestige of the funding authorities, assist the evaluation of research projects. For society makes it possible access to research results.